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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION		Attorney Docket No.	KAK-001
		First Named Inventor	MIKITANI et al.
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		Filing Date	September 1, 2000
		Group Art Unit	2151
		Examiner Name	unassigned

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (only if one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LOTTERY SYSTEM UTILIZING ELECTRONIC MAIL*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

 is attached hereto

OR

 was filed on September 1, 2000, as United States Application Number Number: 09/653,163.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YY)	Priority Claimed	Certified Copy Attached
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11-247300	Japan	September/1/1999	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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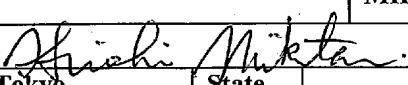
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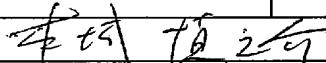
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